sing disappointment at the reduced size of IDA-VII and urging donor countries to increase availability of concessional aid through contribution to a supplementary fund. The share of recipient developing countries in the reduced IDA-VII remains to be finalised though there are indications that India's share is likely to be reduced. However, Government are taking all possible steps to ensure an adequate share of IDA funds.

Revamping of Income Tax Department

1504. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to appoint an 'Experts Committee' to suggest steps to revamp and reorganise the administrative machinery in the Income Tax Department; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Value of Assets seized by the Income Tax Department

1505. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:
SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:
SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the value of assets seized in 1983-84 by the Income Tax Department; and

(b) the mode of disposal of the aforesaid seized assets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) During the course of searches in financial year 1983-84, the Income Tax Department seized *prima facie* unaccounted assets valued at Rs. 27.99 crores approximately.

(b) Income Tax Officer is required to pass an order u/s 132(5) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 within 90 days of the seizure with the previous approval of the Inspecting Assistant Commissioner estimating the undisclosed income, calculate the amount of tax, interest and penalty imposable and specify the amount required to satisfy any existing liability. Assets sufficient to satisfy the liabilities and retained and the remaining portion of seized assets is released to the person from whose custody they were seized.

Joint venture Hotel at Madras

1506. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of the joint venture I.T.D.C. hotel proposed to be constructed at Madras;

(b) whether the work of the hotel has since been started; and

(c) what amount has so far been spent on this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) to (c) Construction of the hotel will commence after the new joint venture company is set up in consultation with the State Government whose reaction is still awaited.

Cultivation of Rubber

1507. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total acreage proposed to be brought under rubber cultivation during the current year in each of the rubber producing States;

(b) the rubber produced during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the quantity of rubber imported and also foreign exchange spent for the same during the last three years;

(d) the new States proposed to be brought under rubber cultivation in the country; and

(e) what incentives are at present offered to the rubber cultivators?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The total area

proposed under rubber cultivation during 1984 is 6000 hectares as follows: Kerala 2000, Tamil Nadu 300, Karnataka 1000, Goa and Maharashtra 600, Tripura 1000, Assam 10000 and other 100 hectares.

(b) The statewise production of raw rubber during the last three years are as follows:

(In Tonnes)

State	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84
Kerala	139,435	152,662	162,514
Tamil Nadu	10,510	9,700	9,730
Karnataka	2,606	3,070	2,493
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	188	247	336
Tripura	85	108	137
Goa	27	37	40
Others	19	26	30
TOTAL	152,870	165,850	175,280 (Provisional)

(c) The quantity of rubber imported during the last three years and the value there of are as under:

Year	quantity (Tonnes)	Value (Rs./Lakhs)
1981-82	42,750	3666·60
1982-83	30,050	2370·41
1983-84	31,200	3692·41

(d) A programme for developing rubber cultivation in North Eastern States has been taken up. Possibilities of rubber cultivation in other States like Orissa are also being explored.

(e) For encouraging New Planting and Replanting the following assistance is given under Rubber Plantation Development Scheme:

(i) Cash subsidy @ Rs. 5.000/- per hect. to small growers and Rs. 3,000/- hect. to large growers.

(ii) Addl. Assistance to weaker sections of small holders owing not more than 6 hects. which comprised of reimbursement of cost of planting materials used, half the cost of Fertilisers during immaturity period and subsidy upto Rs. 150 per hect. for soil conservation work.

(iii) Interest subsidy @ 3 per cent on loans, availed of from the NADARD to supplement cash subsidy granted from the Board to small growers and large growers undertaking replanting and new planting.

(iv) Free extension and advisory support to all growers at all stages of planting and maintenance.

B. Incentives are also given in the form of raisng and distributing high yielding planting materials popularising rain guarded tapping, low volume spraying against disease and imparting training in tapping rubber trees. Financial and technical assistance is also provided to cooperative societies for improving marketing of small holders.

Drug Trafficking

1508. SHRI M. M. JACOB: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases of